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PATENT
Customer No. 22,852
Attorney Docket No. 08178.0009

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
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Shinji BABA et al.)	Group Art Unit: 2151
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Application No.: 09/915,395)	Examiner: Not Assigned
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Filed: July 27, 2001)	
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For: METHOD, APPARATUS AND)	Confirmation No.: 7091
SYSTEM OF SCHOOL SEARCH)	

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

STATUS INQUIRY

The above-identified application was filed on July 27, 2001. Applicants received a Notice of Recordation of Assignment dated July 10, 2002. Since that date Applicants have received no further communication from the Office. Since more than two and one-half years have elapsed since the filing of this application, applicants' undersigned attorney respectfully requests that the Office advise him of the status of this application as soon as possible in order to determine whether further action by the applicant is required at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: July 12, 2004

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